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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) An ultrasonic treatment apparatus for performing a medical treatment to a living tissue, comprising:

a probe to which ultrasonic vibration is applied; and

a tip action unit that moves in an opening/closing manner with respect to the probe on operation of an operating section, wherein

the tip action unit includes

a jaw that moves in an opening/closing manner in response to the operation of the operating section; and

a grasping member pivotably supported by the jaw for grasping the living tissue with the probe,

the grasping member includes

a body element molded of a heat resistant resin; and

a reinforcement member embedded in the body element, and

the ultrasonic vibration is applied to the probe while grasping the living tissue between the probe and the tip action unit.

8. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the reinforcement member is made of a metallic material extended along an extending direction of the probe.

9. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the reinforcement member includes a portion pivotably supported by the jaw.

10. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic treatment apparatus for performing a medical treatment to a living tissue, comprising:

a probe to which ultrasonic vibration is applied; and

a tip action unit that moves in an opening/closing manner with respect to the probe on operation of an operating section, wherein

the tip action unit includes

a jaw that moves in an opening/closing manner in response to the operation of the operating section; and

a grasping member pivotably supported by the jaw for grasping the living tissue with the probe,

the grasping member includes

a body element molded of a heat resistant resin; and

a reinforcement member fitted with the body element to cover a portion of the body element, and

a filling member is filled between the body element and the reinforcement member to tightly contact the body element with the reinforcement member;
and

the ultrasonic vibration is applied to the probe while grasping the living tissue between the probe and the tip action unit.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the reinforcement member is made of a metallic material extended along an extending direction of the probe.

13. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic treatment apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the reinforcement member includes a portion pivotably supported by the jaw.

14. (Cancelled)